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SUBJECT: DISAPPEARANCE OF AMBASSADOR HECTOR MANUEL HIDALGO SOLA

1. ON JUNE 13, MARCEL HIDALGO SOLA, SON OF AMBASSADOR HECTOR MANUEL HIDALGO SOLA, FORMER ARGENTINE AMBASSADOR TO VENEZUELA, VISITED THE EMBASSY. HE STATED THAT THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT APPEARS TO HAVE CLOSED THE INVESTIGATION OF HIS FATHER'S DISAPPEARANCE ELEVEN MONTHS AGO FOR LACK OF LEADS. HE AND HIS FAMILY, HOWEVER, ARE INSISTING THAT THE INVESTIGATION CONTINUE. FOR THIS PURPOSE, THEY ARE MOBILIZING OUTSIDE SUPPORT. MARCEL HIDALGO SAID HE HAS RECENTLY BEEN TO ROME TO ASK THE INTERCESSION OF VATICAN AUTHORITIES. DURING THE PAST FEW DAYS IN CARACAS HE TALKED WITH FOREIGN MINISTER CONSALVI AND SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN RAMON VELASQUEZ, BOTH OF WHO PROMISED TO DO WHAT THEY COULD INFORMALLY TO PERSUADE ARGENTINE AUTHORITIES TO KEEP THE CASE UNDER ACTIVE INVESTIGATION. HE ASKED THAT THE USG DEMONSTRATE SIMILAR INTEREST IN THE MATTER AND LEFT A MESSAGE FROM AMBASSADOR VAKY REQUESTING HIS SPECIAL SYMPATHY AND INTEREST IN VIEW OF THE NEW RESPONSIBILITIES HE IS ASSUMING.

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2. MARCEL HIDALGO STATED THAT HIS MOTHER (OR OTHER FAMILY MEMBER) IN BUENOS AIRES WOULD BE REQUESTING AN APPOINTMENT WITH AMBASSADOR CASTRO THIS WEEK TO PURSUE THE MATTER OF USG INTERCESSION.

3. MARCEL HIDALGO SAID THAT HIS FAMILY BELIEVES THAT

AMBASSADOR HIDALGO WAS PROBABLY KIDNAPPED BY ULTRA-RIGHTIST
JUNIOR MILITARY OFFICERS AS A SLAP TO VIDELA WITH WHOM
HE WAS CLOSELY IDENTIFIED. THIS BEING THE CASE,
MARCEL HIDALGO STATES THAT HE AND HIS FAMILY COULD BE
PLACED IN EXTREME DANGER IF IT BECAME KNOWN THAT THEY
WERE SEEKING USG INTERCESSION IN THIS MATTER.
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